

(2) A transaction described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section shall be exempt from the requirements of the act, including specifically the filing requirement, if the agency whose approval is required finds that approval of such transaction is necessary to prevent the probable failure of one of the institutions involved.

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§ 802.9 Acquisition solely for the purpose of investment.

An acquisition of voting securities shall be exempt from the requirements of the act pursuant to section 7A(c)(9) if made solely for the purpose of investment and if, as a result of the acquisition, the acquiring person would hold ten percent or less of the outstanding voting securities of the issuer, regardless of the dollar value of voting securities so acquired or held.

Examples: 1. Suppose that acquiring person "A" acquires 6 percent of the voting securities of issuer X, valued at \$52 million. If the acquisition is solely for the purpose of investment, it is exempt under Section 7A(c)(9).

2. After the acquisition in example 1, "A" decides to acquire an additional 7 percent of the voting securities of X. Regardless of "A"'s intentions, the acquisition is not exempt under section 7A(c)(9).

3. After the acquisition in example 1, acquiring person "A" decides to participate in the management of issuer X. Any subsequent acquisitions of X stock by "A" would not be exempt under section 7A(c)(9).

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§ 802.10 Stock dividends and splits.

The acquisition of voting securities, pursuant to a stock split or pro rata stock dividend, shall be exempt from the requirements of the act under section 7A(c)(10).

§ 802.20 [Reserved]

§ 802.21 Acquisitions of voting securities not meeting or exceeding greater notification threshold.

(a) An acquisition of voting securities shall be exempt from the requirements of the act if:

(1) The acquiring person and all other persons required by the act and these rules to file notification filed notification with respect to an earlier acquisition of voting securities of the same issuer;

(2) The waiting period with respect to the earlier acquisition has expired, or been terminated pursuant to § 803.11, and the acquisition will be consummated within 5 years of such expiration or termination; and

(3) The acquisition will not increase the holdings of the acquiring person to meet or exceed a notification threshold greater than the greatest notification threshold met or exceeded in the earlier acquisition.

Examples: 1. Corporation A acquires \$53 million of the voting securities of corporation B and both "A" and "B" file notification as required, indicating the \$50 million threshold. Within five years of the expiration of the original waiting period, "A" acquires additional voting securities of B but not in an amount sufficient to meet or exceed \$100 million or 50 percent of the voting securities of B. No additional notification is required.

2. In Example 1, "A" continues to acquire B's securities. Before "A's" holdings meet or exceed \$100 million or 50 percent of B's outstanding voting securities, "A" and "B" must file notification and wait the prescribed period, regardless of whether the acquisition occurs within five years after the expiration of the earlier waiting period.

3. In Example 2, suppose that "A" and "B" file notification at the \$500 million level and that, within 5 years after expiration of the waiting period, "A" continues to acquire voting securities of B. No further notification is required until "A" plans to make the acquisition that will give it 25 percent of B's voting securities valued at over \$1 billion; or 50 percent ownership of B. (Once "A" holds 50 percent, further acquisitions of voting securities are exempt under Section 7A(c)(3)).

4. This section also allows a person to recross any of the threshold notification levels—\$50 million, \$100 million, \$500 million, 25 percent (if valued over \$1 billion) and 50 percent—any number of times within 5 years of the expiration of the waiting period following notification for that level. Thus, if in Example 1, "A" had disposed of some voting securities so that it held less than \$50 million of the voting securities of B, and thereafter had increased its holdings to more than \$50 million but less than \$100 million or 50 percent of B, notification would not be required if the increase occurred within 5 years of the expiration of the original waiting period. Similarly, in Examples 2 and 3, "A" could decrease its holdings below, and then